

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 33-56 and amend claim 13 as follows.

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13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the immobilized polynucleotide is comprised within a polynucleotide array.

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 29, 2003 indicates that claims 1-75 are pending, although Applicant believes this is a typographical error. It is submitted that Claims 1-56 are currently pending. In response to a restriction requirement, claims 33-56 were withdrawn. Claims 33-56 are currently canceled. Claims 1-12 and 14-32 are presently allowed. Claim 13 stands substantively rejected. Claim 13 is currently amended, and reconsideration of claim 13 is respectfully requested.

Declaration

The Declaration is allegedly defective because non-initialed and/or non-dated alterations have been made to the Declaration. The Declaration of Karen K. Yamamoto contains an alteration of the inventor's Post Office Address. The Declaration of Patrick A. Schneider contains an alteration of the inventor's City of Residence, and Post Office Address.

According to MPEP 602.01, in some cases a deficiency in the declaration can be corrected by a supplemental paper such as an application data sheet (ADS), and a new declaration is not necessary. Relatedly, 37 C.F.R. §1.63(c)(1) provides that information such as the mailing address and the residence of the inventor can be provided on an application data sheet if not properly supplied by the Declaration. Applicant includes herewith an application data sheet listing the proper inventor residences and mailing addresses. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Priority Information

The Office has requested that Applicant amend the specification to state that the application is filed under §371. Applicant has amended the first sentence of the specification to provide a specific reference to the prior applications. The priority information is also provided on the enclosed Application Data Sheet.